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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE DOLLAR.

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### NEAR EAST CRISIS.

#### OCCUPATION OF CHANAK.

#### KEMAL PASHA'S LATEST INTENTIONS.

LONDON, September 19.

The possible effect of the reported withdrawal of the French troops from Chanak, the key to the Straits, was discussed at a meeting of the Cabinet in the morning, again, reattended by the military, naval, and air force chiefs. The Government has not received from the French government any confirmation of the report of the withdrawal in regard to which the French press, hopes Britain will follow the French example. No instruction has been issued for the withdrawal of the British troops at Chanak who on the contrary, are reported to be digging in, but according to the *Messaggero* the Italian government has decided to withdraw the Italian contingent from the neutral zone to Constantinople. According to the *Petit Parisien*, Kemal Pasha has given an assurance that he will not attack the Dardanelles, but Paris transmits a statement attributed to Feid Bey, the Kemalist representative in Paris, that the Kemalists intend to occupy Chanak and will not recognize any neutral zone on the Asiatic side of the Straits.

LONDON, September 19.  
Feid Bey added that the Kemalists recognised the Allied occupation of Constantinople and Gallipoli and once they occupied the Asiatic side were willing to forgether at a peace table and guaranteed the fullest freedom of the Straits with even an Allied garrison at Gallipoli.

#### JOHANNESBURG VOLUNTEERS KEEN.

JOHANNESBURG, September 19.

Numbers of men came forward to enlist in connection with the Near East crisis. The authorities were obliged to post a notice that hitherto recruiting was unauthorized.

#### OUR INDIAN TROOPS.

SIMLA, September 19.

The Mohammedan member gave notice of a motion in the Legislative Assembly for adjournment to discuss the Turkish situation, urging that Indian public opinion would demand that Indian troops should not be employed against the Turks and that those in the old Turkish Empire should be immediately withdrawn.

#### LEAGUE HELPING REFUGEES.

GENEVA, September 19.

The Council of the League voted Dr. Nansen 100,000 gold francs for preliminary relief of refugees from Anatolia.

#### BRITISH POLICY.

LONDON, September 19.

An official communiqué denies the newspaper statement that the semi-official declaration of policy in the Near East issued on Saturday is now regarded as having been taken by the Government. It emphasises that the declaration reported the decisions of the Cabinet on Friday and was issued with the approval of all the Ministers present. The London Cabinet is well satisfied with the support accorded the policy not only in Britain but also in the Dominions.

#### FRENCH ATTITUDE.

LONDON, September 19.

It is announced that the British Government has officially expressed to the French government its appreciation of the latter's attitude on the question of a joint notification to Kemal. The British government declares that it cordially welcomes M. Poincaré's assurances on this question, also the question of occupied zones, and hopes the spirit of these agreements and the spirit of co-operation shown will rule future discussions.

#### LEAGUE COMMISSION PROPOSED.

GENEVA, September 19.

An Assembly resolution has been submitted by the Persian delegation on behalf of the Turkish National Assembly asking the Council of the League of Nations in view of the painful events in the Near East and the mutual accusations of the belligerents as regards the fate of civilians immediately to send out a neutral commission to throw light on the events and ensure that no reprisals are made on the minorities in Thrace and Asia Minor.

#### EFFECT ON THE MARK.

LONDON, September 19.

Marks sharply recovered to 6,000 as a result of negotiations between the Bank of England and the Reichsbank. They subsequently reacted and closed at 6,600. This is attributed to the political deadlock in the Near East.

BERLIN, September 19.

Marks opened at 6,125 and closed at 6,600 on the London Stock Exchange, showing the strength of the political outlook. It is considered speculators have further recovered.

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## BIRTHS.

EITE.—On September 14, 1922, at  
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur  
Eite, of Hangchow a son.GRIMBLE.—On August 1, 1922, at  
London, S.W. 8, to Mr. and Mrs.  
A. F. Grumble (late S.M.P.), a son.

## DEATHS.

GORTON.—On September 1, 1922, at  
on the R.M.S. "Empress of  
Australia," at sea, Herbert  
Maurice, husband of Bratrica  
Gorton, in his 42nd year.GOLDMAN.—At Shanghai, after a  
protracted illness, Clara, wife of  
M. Goldman.MOSS.—On September 4, 1922, at  
Tingtau, Arthur Penrhyn  
Stanley Moss, youngest son of  
the late Charles Davis Moss, of  
Yokohama, and husband of  
Daphne Moss, aged 39 years.

## The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"  
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## TO MORROW'S ECLIPSE.

Four thousand years ago there was a solar eclipse, the earliest noted in history. Ancient Chinese records report that the two state astronomers, Ho and Hi, were both very drunk. Consequently, they were unable to conduct the usual rites for frightening away the greedy dragon which was attempting to swallow the sun. This little indiscretion cost both astronomers their lives. Later history mentions many picturesque incidents resulting from eclipses. The Greeks record one in 635 B.C., which occurred during a battle in a war which had been waging for some years between the Lydians and Medes. The sudden darkness stopped the fight, and the break in the conflict led to peace.

Another eclipse occurred in 431 B.C., the first year of the Peloponnesian War. The pilot of Pericles' ship was greatly frightened but the Athenian statesman calmed him by holding a cloak before his eyes, saying that the only difference

in phenomena take place as if he were at rest in the ether. He would therefore naturally infer that every other observer moving relatively to him was also moving relatively to the ether. Yet each of these observers (say, an observer on Mars) making the same experiments, would come to the conclusion that he was at rest in the ether, and all the others in motion. Thus each observer observes the motion of space and time for his own purposes. Yet no observer can measure his own motion in space. The one quantity measurable by all observers and the same for all, whatever their motions may be, is the velocity of light as it passes from one material system to another. This velocity appears to be an absolute physical constant.

According to Einstein's theory, a ray of light which just grazed the sun's surface ought to show an apparent bending towards the sun. This prediction was tested at the total eclipse of the sun on May 29, 1919, when British astronomers who had gone to South America for the special purpose photographed the stars in the neighbourhood of the sun during the time of the eclipse. A few months later the same group of stars was photographed without the presence of the intervening sun. Comparison of the plates established the fact that a ray of light from a distant star passing near the sun's surface was deflected by an amount varying from 1° 61 to 1° 69, against Einstein's prediction of 1° 74 and half that according to Newton's principles.

To-morrow's eclipse is expected to give conclusive proof that there is an essential relationship between light and gravitation. The belt over which the eclipse is total runs through the Maldives Islands, across Christmas Island, and across Australia from the north-west coast in a south westerly direction. This belt is only about 100 miles broad. For the past six months a British expedition, armed with extremely valuable instruments, has been making careful preparations on Christmas Island to secure fair photographs during the three and a half minutes the eclipse will be total there. The telescopes will be driven by clockwork so as to follow the motion of the stars. This clockwork will be controlled by an ingenious electrical device which will reveal an irregularity of one-fortieth of a second and enable it to be instantly corrected. There are also an expedition from India to the Maldives Islands, a combined Dutch and German one to Christmas Island, and an American one to the north-west coast of Australia.

These observations will be very important, because there is not another eclipse suitable for securing the same results for many years. How delicate is the work which must be accomplished within the few minutes that the eclipse will last is shown by the statement that for the star nearest the sun the actual displacement will not exceed one two thousandth part of an inch. The results, while they will have deep importance for the scientist and the philosopher, will not affect every day methods of thought, since Einstein's theory (as one critic has noted) involves extraordinary paradoxes whose enunciation sounds to our limited three-dimensional intelligences like utter nonsense.

The following instance of superstitious belief is reported from Japan. In the district of Oyamamachi the people became perturbed on account of the deaths of a number of the shopkeepers during recent months, and in consequence decided to ask fortune-tellers for the reason. The soothsayers informed them that all these deaths were caused by the spirit of a ginkgo tree in the district, which was angry because another ginkgo tree had been cut down. According to the story a ginkgo tree, of the male sex, stood on the property of a man named Soma. The female ginkgo tree standing in the compound of the incense shop, was surrounded by a small "daimyo" residence. At one time, went on the male tree, which was accustomed to meeting the female tree clandestinely, was cut down to make room for the establishment of the Monopoly Bureau. The spirit of the tree abhored the death of its form of vengeance.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Canton school teachers threaten to strike.

General Chen Chiung-ming has left Canton for Huichow.

One case of enteric fever, Chinese, comprised yesterday's return of outpatients.

The Canton municipal authorities have issued orders for all matches in the city to be pulled down.

Viscount Burnham, proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, is said to contemplate a tour of the Far East soon.

The local manager of the Mercantile Bank of India Ltd. has received cabled advice that the Bank has declared an interim dividend of 8% less income tax.

Captain Farrell, the master of a steamer in the port, was found dead in his room in the Continental Hotel, Saigon, recently. Death was due to congestion of the brain.

Mr. H. G. Wells has been communicating to an American paper his views on the Earth's six greatest men. This is his list:—Buddha, Asoka, Aristotle, Christ, Roger Bacon, Lincoln.

Major P. S. Tomlinson, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., has been appointed officer commanding the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, during the absence on leave of Major D. L. Harding, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.

Among the departures yesterday by the "Tango Mara" were Madame Lottie Gordon, Mr. P. M. Hodson, Capt. and Mr. T. R. Shearer, Mr. A. L. Pinkerton, Mrs. A. Commons, and Capt. G. A. Madden.

The extension of the H. Lena May Institute will be open for inspection to-morrow, Thursday, September 21st, from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. The Council invite Members and their friends. Tea will be served.

It is rumoured that the Italian cruiser "Calabria," which was on her way to Singapore, has been diverted from her route, and is to proceed from Colombo to Smyrna, owing to the trouble in Asia Minor between the Greeks and Turks.

Mr. L. A. Davis, who during the war was an officer in the Welsh Guards, has arrived in Shanghai in the course of a tour round the world. He is contemplating undertaking an extensive walking tour in the interior of China.

The Siam Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., shows a profit of Tea, 32,601.89 on its working account for the six months ending June 30. The amount carried forward to the remaining half of the year is Tea, 47,357.25. The depreciation on steamers for the six months was reckoned at 3 1/3 per cent.

The rate of exchange at which contributions to the Indian Civil Service and Indian Military Service Family Pension Funds, and the Indian Military Widows' and Orphans' Funds are recoverable during the current month is 1s 3d to the rupee. The rate also applies to the payment of leave, salaries, pensions and annuities fixed in sterling.

A cat was electrocuted in a garden in the French Concession last week. As a result of the previous night's storm an electric wire had been blown down, and it came into the path of progress taken by the feline while making its morning stroll in the garden. The cat rubbed its fur against several tree trunks, and seeing the broken wire rubbed itself for a last time.

A verdict of "guilty" was returned this morning by the jury in the case in which two Chinese were charged with having been in possession of a coiner's plant on an island outside Lyemun. The defence was that they went to the island merely on a visit and that the machinery belonged to the keeper of a temple there. Each of the men was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Judgment has been given by the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies K.C.) in the Penang will case, involving many millions of dollars, which has been before the local Supreme Court at intervals since last December. The executors of the estate of a Penang Chinese were sued by a young man who claimed to be one of the sons of the testator. The plaintiff declared that the son in question died as a child. His Lordship has decided in favour of the executors and is to deliver a written judgment after the legal vacation.

The late Mr. H. H. Sharp, K.C., and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. G. K. Hall, Britton & Co.) appeared for the plaintiff, Mr. Eldon Potter, with Mr. F. C. Jeakin (instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Dracor & Harton) defended.

## PRISON ESCAPE.

## DARING DAYLIGHT FEAT.

5-FOOT LEAP ACROSS LANE.

JAIL WALL TO BARRED WINDOW.

A daring escape from the Old Jail on the West side of the Old Bailey in broad daylight was made this morning.

The first intimation the jail authorities received of the prisoner's escape was furnished shortly after nine o'clock by Mr. Mok Chin-kwong, who resides in the old Lusitania Club building in Shelley Street.

Mr. Mok's servants have their quarters separated from the north wall of the jail by a 5-foot lane at the end of which is an iron gate which is always kept closed and fastened with a chain and a large padlock. They reported to him that they had seen a man dressed in prisoner's clothing jump across to the kitchen window from the jail wall. Letting himself down into the lane, he had discarded his prison garb. He had then climbed over the iron gate and made off down another lane into Staunton Street where he turned to the left and ran towards Bridges Street.

As soon as the information was received in the Central Police Station, detectives were sent out in the direction indicated by Mr. Mok. Mr. Franks, the Superintendent of the Jail was notified, and a muster of all the prisoners in the old jail was immediately made. It was then discovered that the escaped prisoner was a young man named Wong Yau, 27 years of age, a native of Tongkang, who had been sentenced on September 9 to three months hard labour for having entered certain premises with felonious intent.

How the fugitive gained the top of the 18-foot wall from the inside of the jail, and how he managed to get away unobserved in broad daylight, are both mysteries. The presumption is that he was helped from the outside by an accomplice who must have thrown a rope over the wall, but how this escaped notice with other prisoners and wardens about cannot at present be explained. No trace of any rope inside or outside the jail wall could be found, however, and Mr. Mok's cook amah who claimed that she was the first to see the fugitive, said she did not see any rope or notice anyone else in the lane beside the fugitive.

According to the cook amah, she was working alone in the kitchen about 9.05 a.m. when her attention was attracted outside by a figure swaying on the top of the prison wall. As she moved towards the window to see what was happening outside, she saw a man in prisoner's garb take a flying leap from the top of the wall across the lane towards the barred window on the first floor, above the kitchen, which was a matter of a couple of feet below the level of the jail wall. Landing on the top bars of the window which he grabbed with the agility of a monkey, the man swayed for a second as he steadied himself. He then let himself down to the window ledge and hung on with one hand while with the other he grabbed the railing of the kitchen window. He next slid down, and jumped a matter of three or four feet into the lane. As soon as he gained the ground, he discarded his prison garb. He turned his trousers inside out, and put them on again. He then climbed the low gate and made off, leaving his prison jacket behind.

Other servants who were in the room above the kitchen, corroborated this story.

## "OLD" OR "NEW."

## RENTS QUERY APPEAL.

Notice of intention to appeal has been given in connection with the judgment given by the acting Puisne Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood) in connection with the case brought under the Rents Ordinance, 1922, in which Ip Yu-kwong, merchant of 100 High St., Victoria, claimed possession of premises and the amount of rent due from Fong Hon Sam, trader, of 28 Central Street.

The action was described as a "friendly test case." The plaintiff (the landlord) contended that certain alterations had changed the building completely, out of all recognition, with intent to resist arrest. The defendant asserted that under the Ordinance the domestic tenement now occupied by the defendant should be classified as new and in no way identified with the tenement occupied by the plaintiff.

His Honour gave judgment for the defendant. He found that the defendant had tendered the standard rent payable in respect of this domestic tenement, and that the plaintiff was not entitled to an order for possession.

## FUNERAL.

## LATE MR. J. D. LOGAN.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Douglas Logan, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, whose death at the advanced age of 79 years was reported yesterday, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, in the evening, with full military honours, in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing friends.

Mr. Colin Logan, the deceased's third son, the only son at present in the Colony, was the chief mourner.

The Rev. C. Clouston Parry conducted the burial service at the graveside.

The procession from the Monument to the Cemetery was a most impressive one, being headed by the Piper's Band followed by the Scottish Company of the H.K.V.D.C., and a firing party under the command of Lieut. T. W. Hill. The other mourners followed behind the bearers.

With the pipes playing the dirge "Lord Lovat's Lament" and the firing party walking with arms reversed, the procession slowly made its way to the Cemetery gates where the coffin, which was draped with the Union Jack, was borne to the graveside by six men of the Scottish Company.

After the coffin had been lowered into the grave, the usual three volleys were fired, after which a bugler of the King's Regt. sounded the "Last Post," the firing party presenting arms.

Mr. Lo submitted that he had no case to answer. There must be some limit to the construction of the action.

Supposing the steamer had been lying in dock for eight months, and whilst dock opium was found on board; was it fair to say that the vessel had been used for the conveyance of opium?

The answer was obviously "No."

Mr. Lindell: It all depends on the circumstances in which it was found.

Mr. Lo: The circumstances of the case should be proved to show that the steamer was actually used for the conveyance of opium.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said that it was admitted by the Chief Revenue Officer that the opium could not have been in the air pump when the steamer arrived, because the heat of the engines would have been sufficient to have melted it. C.R.O. Clarke said that with the piece of wood in the cavity the steamer would not have been able to proceed. He submitted that the fair inference to draw was that when the steamer arrived in Hongkong there was no opium on board.

The steamer arrived on the previous night and any person leaving the opium on board all night when there was ample opportunity of getting it ashore was nothing more than a lunatic. It was quite obvious that the opium did not come down by the steamer. The only suggestion of unlawful usage of the steamer was for the purpose of exportation. He thought C.R.O. Clarke was a little premature.

Before the steamer actually left the port the usual precaution—a search for opium—would have been taken.

What was the use of searching the vessel at 10.30 a.m. if she was not due to leave until 5 p.m.?

What could the Captain and the Chief Engineer do?

It was only fair to assume that the Chief Engineer would have gone round the engine-room prior to departure to see that everything was all right. They could not don a suit and stay down in the engine-room the whole of the time the vessel was in port.

Mr. Smith: I think it is only fair that we should declare whether we mean "in or out of the Colony." I am personally standing by the charge of importing into the colony.

The Magistrate: You are prepared to say that the evidence is sufficient to show that the opium was brought into the colony.

Mr. Smith: Yes, if that is not so my case fails.

As regards the time that elapsed between the arrival of the vessel and the search I do not think we must tie ourselves to when we search a ship. Very often we get information five or six hours after the vessel's arrival. I think this case is complicated.

The Magistrate: I think there is an element of doubt about it. The defendants should have the benefit of the doubt. The case is dismissed.

His Worship gave instructions for the opium to be confiscated.

## OPIUM SMUGGLING.

## SHIPOWNERS' RESPONSIBILITY.

Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday heard evidence in the case in which the owners of the "Kochow" were summoned by Mr. N. L. Smith, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, for having failed to take proper precautions to prevent their vessel being used for the conveyance of illicit opium.

Chief Preventive Officer Clark, acting on information received, searched the engine-room, and on removing the cap from an air pump, found 84 tads of raw opium worth \$168, concealed in the pump. The cap was not screwed down tight, appearing to have been removed recently and put back in haste.

Replying to Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defence, the witness said the opium could not have been kept in the pump while the ship was under weigh, as the heat from the engines would have melted it, and that would have disabled the vessel.

Mr. Lo submitted that he had no case to answer. There must be some limit to the construction of the action.

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## VALUE OF EXCITEMENT.

CIVILIZED MAN'S NEED OF A MENTAL STIMULUS.

We are often told that, instead of watching football, cricket, boxing or horse-race, we should all of us play some game, says a writer in a Home contemporary. It is commonly assumed that a large "gala" witnessing one or other of our popular forms of sport points to natural decadence, if not degeneracy.

But excitement to civilized people is both natural and necessary; while excitement caused by sport whether in the player or in the spectator, is healthy and beneficial—a view which is supported by eminent psychologists, and physiologists.

For what is excitement but a quickening or awakening of the mind, a stimulation of the nervous system, and therefore, in occasional moderate doses of benefit to all normal people?

## THE LOVE OF PLAY.

Among the higher animals the love of excitement is abundantly manifest, most noticeably, perhaps, in the horse and dog. Beyond doubt a rachiose thoroughly enjoys the excitement of the race. A healthy dog seeks all kinds of excuses to perform wild antics. The sense of play—and play means excitement—one finds even among elderly lions in captivity. Almost all animals possess the sense of play; while most birds, from the tiny golden crested wren to the sea faring albatross, have their playful interludes.

It is the lack of excitement in remote and more or less desolate parts of the country that causes the intelligent worker to seek employment in town or city. It is the need of excitement that creates the world traveller the best type of adventurer, the best type of sailor and soldier. Large as its craving acts as the mind-engine of the explorer—of those whose life-mission is to discover unknown regions, terrestrial, or even celestial. May it not also go far to explain the politician, the big financier, and—the millionaire?

## BARBAROUS "SPORT."

Lack of facility for legitimate excitement a generation back was productive of the most barbarous forms of "sport." Especially in bleak and bare North County districts, before the day of popular football, cricket, and coursing, and long before the cinema was dreamt of, prize fights (bare knuckles), cock fights, dog fights, and rat hunts formed regular pastime of a Sunday—for the toilers and toilers had no other day for recreation. Legitimate forms of excitement killed all that—for where nowadays, is to be found the miner or cotton operative who would prefer a cock fight, or a "duel" to the death between rat and serpent, say, to his Saturday afternoon's football match?

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The signature of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, who signed a cheque for £15,000,000 and whose life is insured for £250,000, is not good enough for Italian Customs officials. Although it is understood that Mr. Morgan is worth a few millions, he was turned back at the Italian frontier when he was motoring from Innsbruck in the Tyrol through the Brenner Pass.

Duty must be deposited on all motorcars entering Italy. Mr. Morgan had no money, but he left a cheque drawn on one of his own banks. The Italian Customs men just waved it aside, and Mr. Morgan had to go back to Innsbruck and obtain some cash before he could get into Italy.

## A GLANCE IN HER GLASS

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## WIRELESS SHIPS.

## HOW TO READ THEIR CODE GROUPS.

It may be of interest to readers who have learned to read Morse and who possess apparatus suitable for the reception of signals from ships, if I explain briefly the procedure observed in the wireless work between ships, also between ships and coast stations.

If you are "listening in" with your receiver tuned to a wave length of 600 metres you will hear the ships working, and for practice in tuning and adjustment a better wave length could not be chosen for "jamming" as is generally had in that "part" of the air.

It is quite likely you will hear a ship call a coast station and end with the letters "TR," meaning that the ship wishes to report to the coast station. A "TR" is called a "time rush" and should give the following details:—Distance of ship from coast station, the ship's position, next port of call, and number of messages the ship has to send. Sometimes, the speed of the ship is given also. Sometimes, too, the "TR" consists simply of, for example, "Here ABC (i.e., the ship's call letters) left Cardiff noon bound Cardiff QRU." The last group of letters means "I have no message for you," and is one of a number of code groups which have been framed for quick conversation. You will find this language in the wireless Year Book.

Often a ship will be heard to call a coast station and end its message with "MSG" which means that the ship wishes to send a message from the captain—a master's service message.

If the coast station is ready to receive messages, it calls the ship and says "K," which is equivalent to "Go ahead." If it receives the message correctly it signals back "R/R,"

meaning "No. 1 message received; go ahead;" if it wishes a word to be repeated it sends "UD WA. Tonkins," or "UD AA Street." These mean "Repeat word after Tonkins" or "Repeat all after street."

By observing the working clearly both from ship and shore station, it is possible to become conversant quickly with the ways of operators.

Listening in is not without its moment of humour. There is the classic joke, however, amongst pre-war wireless men, of the junior operator, who would shout at call letters and then take the coast station at Ushtat for a ship, signalled, "Where are you bound for?" The operators on

a dozen of ships lagged themselves on hearing this, but when after profound thought the French operator replied, "Mister, I am Ushtat. I do not know," they shrank the incident in their hearts together with the story of the Japanese operator who gave a general call and added, "All gentlemen's honourable embassies affixed muddily and unable to come out," meaning that his ship had stuck on a mudbank and could not get off.

Working down among the ships on 600 metres can be made very interesting by the use of a frame aerial with which, as has been explained in earlier articles, one is able to determine the direction from which a signal arrives. In fact, given favourable circumstances, it should be possible for an amateur with a frame aerial, a good compass, and a map to trace roughly the progress of a ship along the coast by means of careful observations made at intervals of a few hours.

## ASSAULT IN COURT.

## ANGRY LITIGANT SENT TO PRISON.

At the conclusion of a claim for possession at Clerkenwell County Court, the landlord, who had failed in his claim, struck the tenant as he was leaving the court. At Judge Pascoe's direction the landlord was brought back into court.

His Honour: I am not going to have the proceedings of the court interfered with in this way. Unless you apologize you will go to prison. The landlord declined to apologize. His Honour: Then you will be committed to prison for 21 hours for contempt of court.

## ODDS AND ENDS.

## MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

## Buying An Island.

Little Tobago, the island near Trinidad and Tobago owned by the late Sir William Ingram, is up for sale at the price of £2,000 which seems reasonable for an island inhabited by hundreds (sic) of birds of paradise. Land, which is bigger than Little Tobago but by no means so picturesque, fetched £25,000 many years ago, and Mr. Compton Mackenzie had to pay about £5,000 for his little farce of Horin. The biggest bargain in the way of islands, however, was made by M. Gaston Menier, the multi-millionaire, who, in 1895, secured Anticosti, at the mouth of the St. Lawrence, for £25,000. Anticosti is 122 miles long by 30 miles wide, and covers an area of 2,600 square miles.

## A BIG SALVAGE JOB.

The Germans have on hand a very stiff problem in the effort to raise the 12,000-ton steamer "Arau," which capsized in the Elbe in June last. The greater part of the salvaged material had to be manufactured specially for the job. Eleven groups of piles numbering about 120 in all have been sunk on the quay-ids, and on these twenty two powerful steam winches are to be mounted, the steam being generated on board tugs in the docks and conducted to the winches by Minnie steam pipes. Eight powerful floating winches will augment the power supplied by the mounted winches. At the same time the great floating crane of the Vulcan Shipyard will be brought to bear on the port

## END ONLY IN A BATHING SUIT.

Those motorists who, clad only in a bathing suit, step out of their hotel into a couple and drive down to the beach, should take warning by the mishap which befell a visitor at a fashionable French seaside resort recently, points out "Coutant" in "The Motor." Going down to the beach in this way the engine of the visitor's car stopped in the busiest thoroughfare of the town, and he had no alternative but clad as he was, a conspicuous and very foolish-looking individual, to get out and investigate the trouble, which proved to be one that took him an hour to put right. At the end of that time his colour scheme was beyond description—a vivid blue bathing suit a white paneled with a yellow band, plus countess marks of oil, grease and dirt, and what may have been deep sunburn or a permanent bluish. One has only to realize how a French crowd thoroughly appreciates such an incident, and sees the humour of it, to imagine its disconcerting nature.

KRUGER'S MILLIONS.

It is good to see a nice big nail driven well home into the collar of the wonderful stories of Kruger. Millions that have sent scores of people wasting their money in attempts to solve the riddle of "Dorothea Gerard," wrecked off St. Lucia Bay, for the bullion that she certainly does not contain. A South African paper has given the full story as told by one of the men who guarded the treasure as it arrived in Portuguese territory, and there is no doubt that such of it as was not required to meet claims on the spot against the Transvaal and Orange Free State Government was sold to a German firm and transported to Europe. By the very reasonable but unromantic means of the mail steamer. There was not such a tremendous load of it anyhow, although certainly enough to be worth looking for if there were the least chance of it ever having been in the wreck of the "Dorothea Gerard." However there is not, and this fact may well be remembered by anybody who is approached by enthusiasts or others with beautiful schemes for financing a search for it.

## OUR MOST DANGEROUS TRADE LINE.

The loss of the "Raleigh" on the Labrador side of the Belle Isle Straits reminds one that the mouth of the St. Lawrence is still one of the most dangerous channels in the world and the New York ticket office that the first stop is in straits of the great lines trading to Canada is entirely due to the careful navigation of their officers and the wonderful local knowledge which they have attained. If ever there was need of one of the newly devised guiding cables it is along the channel in the St. Lawrence, but although it is well supplied with wireless directional stations no effort has yet been made to provide an under-water cable, possibly because of the great cost owing to its length. Not only are fog and ice to be expected here for a large proportion of the year, but the currents are all over the place and constitute a grave danger, while abreast of Anticosti there is a stretch of the river where the ship's compass is rather more than likely to be thrown out, presumably owing to the big fields of iron in the neighbourhood. Certainly the cost would be very high but at the same time one cannot help thinking that a leader cable would be well worth the while and who knows but it could last for a very long time.

## GENERAL ITEMS.

## EGYPT IS HAVING THE HOTTEST AND DAMPEST SUMMER FOR 20 YEARS.

A man of 80, who is deaf and dumb, has flown from London to Paris.

Aldershot Education Committee has, at a cost of £13 yearly, insured all the children against accidents during school hours.

Surrey's talents value, which is now £6,055,803, will be reduced next year by £100,000, due mainly to the lower assessment of the railways.

It is reported that a vein of gold has been discovered in South Africa extending from the border of Basutoland almost to the West Rand.

Members of the House of Commons and the staff are to have the use next session of a miniature rifle range in the basement of the House of Commons.

The Frenchman Pomille, who left Cap Gris Nez to swim the Channel at 8 a.m. abandoned the attempt at noon, seven miles from Calais, through cramp.

Total receipts from all sources in aid of the Hospitals of London Combined Appeal now exceed £305,000 towards the £500,000 wanted by the end of the year.

For concealing 7lb. of cigars, Wilfred Francis Goose, 31, an engineer, who has just come from India, was at Westminster ordered to pay £22, the double duty.

The train service on the Siberian Railway may be suspended this winter as up to the present not one cubic foot of wood—the locomotive fuel—has been stored.

Three sealed letters addressed to people in Wales were in the room of Wilfred Price, 38, dentist, who was shot dead at his lodgings at Castle Hill, Reading, Berkshire.

A man entered a jeweler's shop in Old Bond street, W., smashed a shop window, and ran away with imitation pearls worth, it is stated, between £200 and £300.

Two hundred Chinese were arrested at Amsterdam on board a steamer shortly to leave for Hongkong as part of a campaign to stamp out opium smuggling and fighting in the Chinese quarter.

A woman whose husband had been fined 20s. for assaulting her, told the Marylebone magistrate that her husband had declared that he would make her pay the fine by keeping her without money.

During the past year 7,000 assisted emigrants went to New Zealand from the United Kingdom, 99 per cent. of the immigrants carrying out their obligations, it is announced in Wellington, N.Z.

Known for more than half a century to the printers and allied workers of Fleet-street for its "bust à la mode and porter," "Wilkinson's," an old-fashioned restaurant in Salisbury-court, has closed.

Diving, fully dressed, into the River Usk at Newport, Monmouthshire, Albert Watkins, 30, a cripple, swam to a boy who had fallen from a boat, put him across his shoulders and brought him to the bank.

For having kept a betting house which was visited in three days by 48 men, 44 women, 27 boys, and 22 girls, and where slips relating to 3,394 bets were found, James Turnbull, of Birtley, Durham, was fined £15.

The Government of New South Wales has agreed in principle to the immigration scheme under which the Commonwealth and New South Wales and Great Britain each pay one-third of the cost of taking out land settlers.

Twenty times mentioned in despatches during the war, decorated with the Legion of Honour, the Military Medal, and the Croix de Guerre, a French ex-soldier named Queven works daily repairing Paris streets.

Released on parole for one day from Cardiff prison to attend the funeral of his wife at Risca, near Newport, Thomas May, a miner, serving a sentence of six months for taking part in a disturbance at a colliery, was escorted from and back to the prison by the chief of Ynysddu, the adjoining parish.

## DONKEY IN CHURCH.

## PEASANT ASTONISHED AT PRIEST'S ANGER.

Great excitement has been caused at Cave, a town of 4,000 inhabitants, near Rome, for what is called an unprecedented, insult to religion. A peasant, Nazzatino Pichi, while riding an ass, entered the church of St. Stephen during Mass. The scandal was enormous.

The peasant was arrested, to his great astonishment for he declared that he was unaware of having committed any crime. He thought he could enter the church as he enters his own house together with his donkey, his faithful companion.

The parish priest applied to have the peasant condemned for violation of sacred objects, for which the Italian code prescribes heavy penalties.

The judge who examined the case decided that the sacred objects are the crucifix, reliques, chalice, and so forth but not the church, and he ordered the prisoner's release.

## SUBMARINE DEATHS.

## TWO MEN SACRIFICED TO SAVE CREW.

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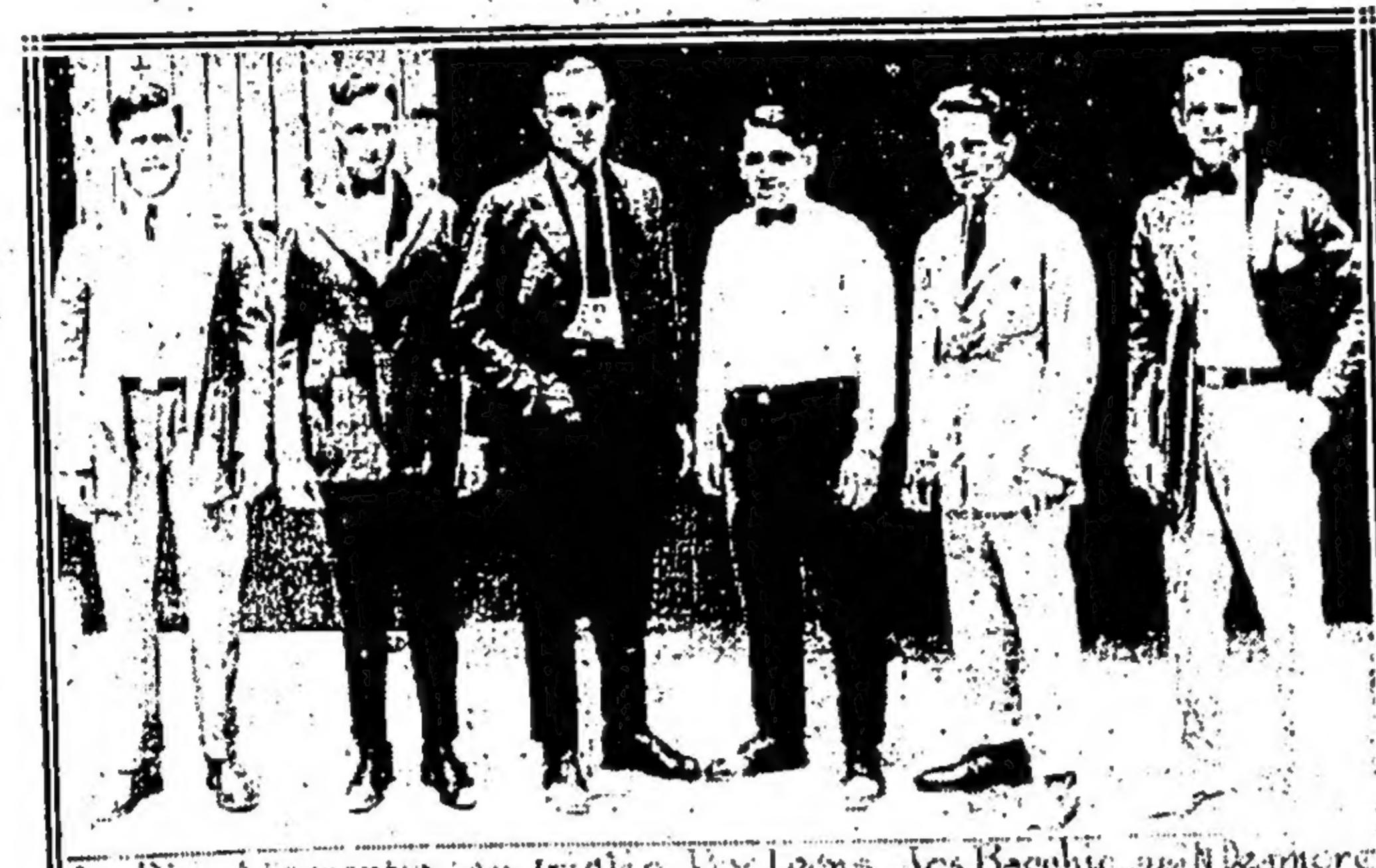
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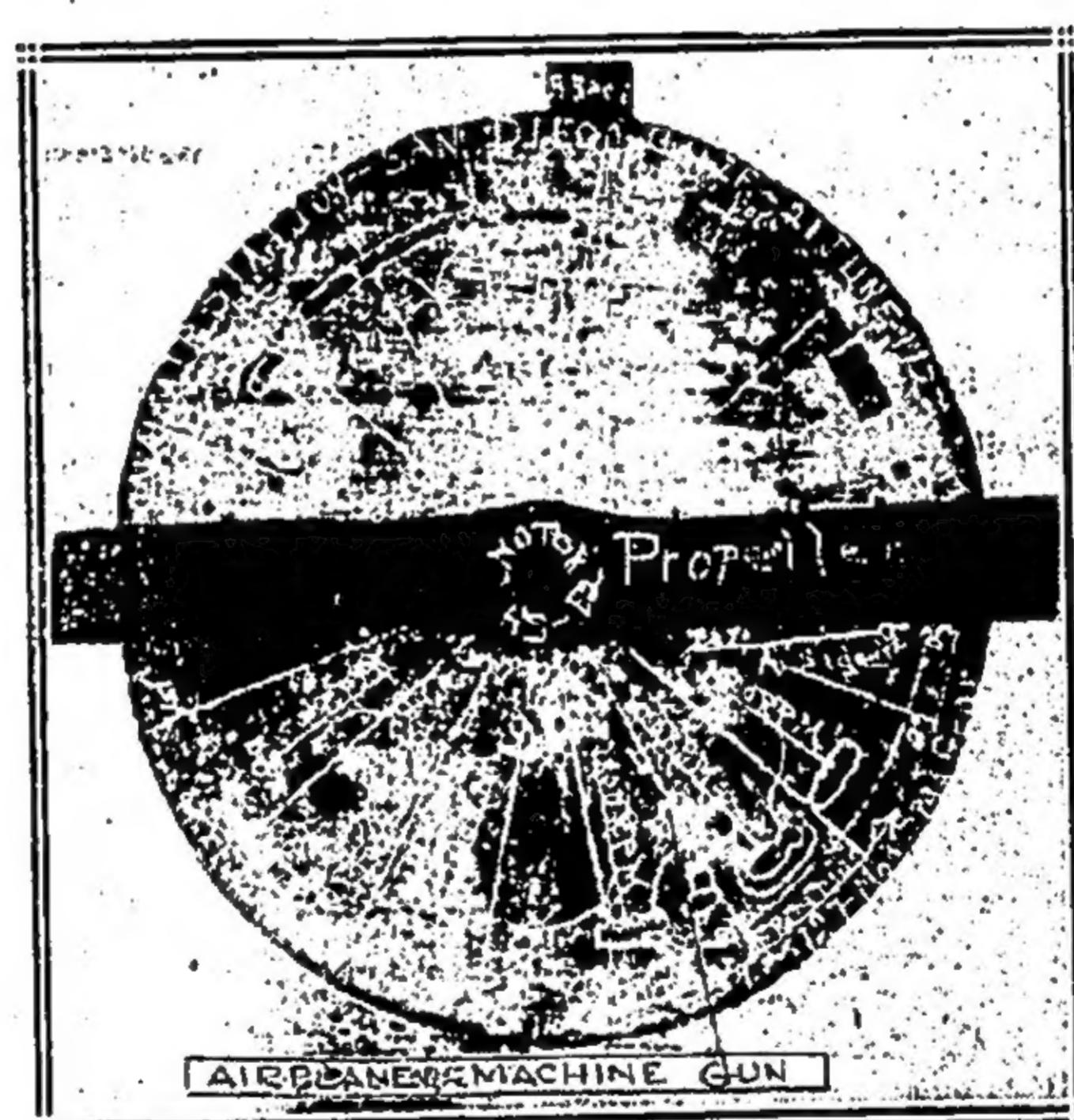
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